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Re: Charles O. Townley  
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Information Disclosure Statement

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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 27 AUG 2007.

Please consider this information in the extant examination.

Submitted herewith are a Form PTO-1449, and a copy of the  
foreign patent art, the U.S. patent art being available to the  
Examiner electronically, which art is cited on the Form PTO-1449:

U.S. patent No. 5,047,059 to Saffar. This discloses a  
prosthesis for metacarpophalangeal or interphalangeal  
articulation of the fingers.

U.S. patent No. 5,405,401 to Lippincott, III et al. This  
discloses a prosthesis for replacement of joints between  
long bones in the hand.

U.S. patent No. 6,159,247 to Klawitter et al. This  
discloses a metacarpal-phalangeal joint replacement. It  
is a CIP of patent No. 5,782,927 (of record).

Ascension Orthopedics, Inc., WO 98/19637 (Abstract page).  
This discloses a metacarpal-phalangeal joint replacement.  
It is the international publication of PCT/US97/19894,  
from which issued the '247 patent to Klawitter et al.

This is NOT a reply to the 08/02/2007 Office action.

The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information  
contained in the present Information Disclosure Statement, to the  
knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry,  
was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more  
than three months prior to filing of the present statement.

Prompt and favorable consideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5047059		Saffar	623	21	
	5405401	04-1995	Lippincott, III et al.	623	21	
	6159247		Klawitter et al.	623	2415	May 1, 1999
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation YES NO	
9819637	05-1998	WIPO (Abstract page)	A61F	2/42	✓	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
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